

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: OSHLACK, Benjamin, et al.

Serial No.: To Be Assigned.

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For: **STABILIZED CONTROLLED RELEASE  
SUBSTRATE HAVING A COATING  
DERIVED FROM AN AQUEOUS  
DISPERSION OF HYDROPHOBIC POLYMER**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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November 12, 2001

Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application prior to examination as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

After the title of the invention, on page 1, at line 5, please add the following paragraph:

- -This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/469,478, filed December 22, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/899,924, filed July 24, 1997, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/667,052, filed June 20, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,681,585, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/561,829, filed November 27, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,958,459, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/086,248, filed July 1, 1993, abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/814,111, filed December 24, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,273,760, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference. - -

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 21-38 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 21-28 have been canceled to reduce the amount of the filing fee for additional claims. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

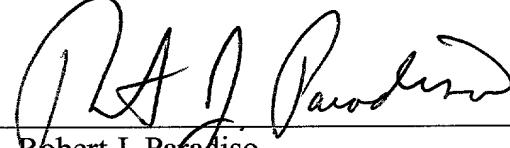
**CONCLUSION**

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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